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1. Oil workers at Caimas and Tia Juana started walking off the job on the morning of 1 March 1949 and the movement gained momentum throughout the day. By late afternoon about 50 per cent of the workers were still on the job.
2. Glandestine circulars recently circulated by the Accion Democratica (AD) and signed by Jorge Hernandez, president of the Sindicato de Obreros y Empleados Petroleros de Caimas, and Marcelino Borvas, president of the Sindicato del Transporte in the East Lake Maracaibo area, which incited the workers to strike, have reportedly had strong influence on the workers.
3. There were strong rumors that the night crews would not show up for work on 1 March. The Communists apparently were not participating in the strike movement. All other oil-producing areas were reported to be normal.

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